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a) The process according to claim 4, wherein a hydrolase gene mutagenized  
in a PCR previously performed according to claim 4 is used as the starting hydrolase gene  
in step a).

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment place the claims in better form for U.S. examination.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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